

Paradise Schools has **6 core beliefs** that create a challenging and enriching environment for all students. We believe...

- 1. students learn in a school atmosphere that is safe, respectful and maintains high academic and behavior expectations.
- 2. in implementing rigorous student-centered curriculum focused on preparing students for their future.
- 3. in developing authentic relationships built on trust, communication and a common goal.
- 4. in establishing a professional learning community enriched with on-going staff development and collaboration.
- 5. in recruiting and maintaining highly effective staff members that are capable and advocate for the betterment of the school rather than self.
- in creating a leadership team that guides and governs our school community through sound judgement and best practices.



Mission

A safe learning community committed to fostering personal growth and academic excellence.



About Paradise

Every student, every day, prepared to meet life's challenges

- Paragon Management, Inc. is an Arizona nonprofit public benefit corporation and a tax-exempt organization with a 501(c)(3) designation, doing business as "Paradise Schools."
- Paradise Schools, founded in 1998, serves nearly 3,000 K-12 students with a long tradition of high-performance on academic measures.
- Paradise Schools contracts with the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and has three campuses, a K-5 campus and a middle school campus and high school campus that are located adjacent to one another.
- Paradise Schools is an A-rated district; each of its schools receiving an "A" designation.
- Paradise Honors High School has been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as U.S. News Best High Schools multiple times, most recently in 2019. PHHS received both national and charter school recognition.
- Paradise Schools continues to experience exponential growth, increasing in student population by 31% from the end of the 2016-17 school year to the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.
- o 60 teaching and support positions have been added from the 2016-17 school year to the 2019-20 school year.



Our Community

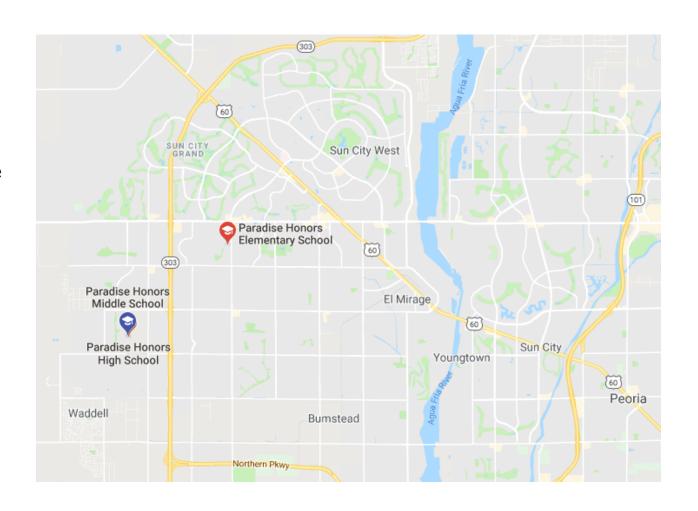
Our home since 1998

Paradise Schools serve K12 students in Surprise, Arizona

1. Rapid growth: The population in the year 2000 was 30,848. Rapid expansion in the city resulted in a population increase to 117,517 by the 2010 census and a current population of 138,284 (hometownlocator.com), an increase of 348%

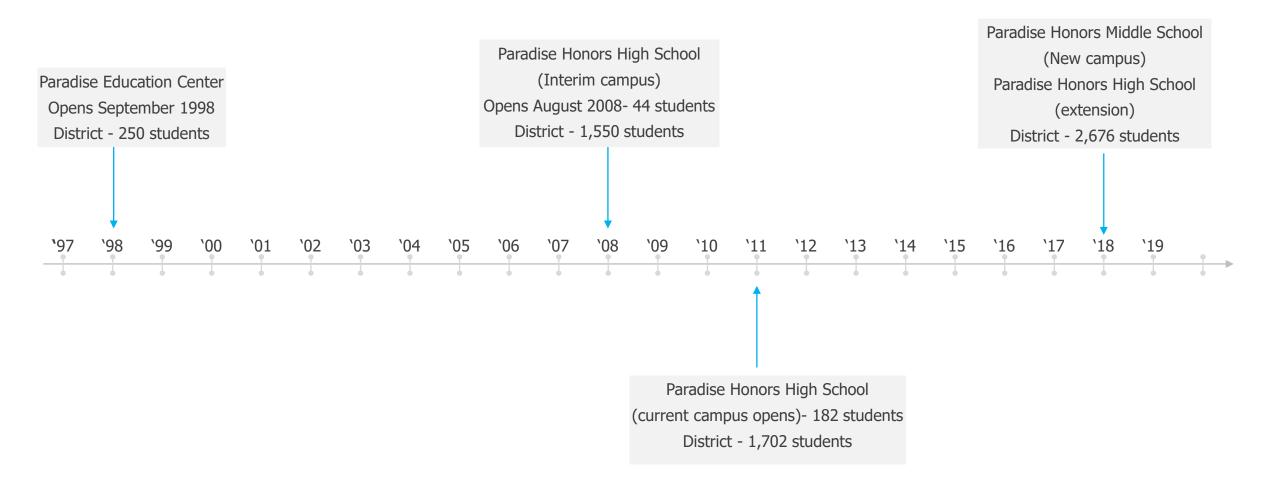
2. Recognition and Awards:

- 1. Top Ten Safest City in the U.S. (Parenting Magazine, 2014)
- 2. #5 Fastest Growing City in the U.S. (WalletHub, 2016)
- 3. Global City of the Year (Global Chamber of Phoenix, 2017)
- 4. Silver Award for Partnerships with Educational Institutions Ottawa University (International Economic Development Council, 2017)



Our History

From modest beginnings to a tradition of success



Key Factors Contributing to Our Success











Safe Learning Environment

Paradise Schools believes that all students deserve an environment where they feel physically and emotionally safe

Personal Growth

Paradise Schools focuses on educating the whole child; Community Connection periods provide a time when all students connect one-on-one with a trusted adult

Academic Excellence

Paradise Schools commits to highperforming PLC processes and teams as well as integrates an intensive RTI program with the core belief that all students can learn

Relationships

Paradise Schools believes that relationships are the foundation of fulfilling our vision and mission

Rigor

Paradise Schools, committed to high levels of learning for all students, has adopted an evaluation instrument focused on student achievement and rigor



Academic Achievement

A history of high-performing schools with strong test results

AzMERIT	Paradise	Local Schools	State
ELA	63%	39%	40%
Mathematics	59%	38%	50%

^{***}Most recent data available from Arizona Department of Education as of 8.20.19

- Newsweek Top 500 High Schools in the United States in 2015
- Newsweek Best High Schools in the United States in 2019
- All Paradise Schools received an A letter grade for 2018

Financing Request

How the CEB's investment supports our future

Added Seats

 The completion of this financing will increase the number of classrooms, allowing Paradise Schools to serve an additional 200 students.

Better Academic Programs

 The new space will support increased Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities and performing arts programming for students at Paradise Schools.

More Staffing

 The savings will allow adding 8 additional teaching positions and 2 instructional support positions, which will result in more support for students and reduced class sizes.

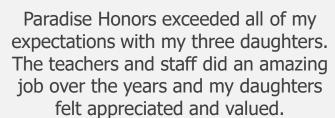


Parent Testimonials

As soon as students walk through the gate, they're aware that the standards are set high, challenging each student and then giving them the tools to succeed in school and out in the real world. The staff make sure the students can come to them for help anytime and encourage students to use their voice. I feel the students at Paradise transition better into college.

Angela





Susan



It is difficult to put into words what Paradise has done for my children. Today's world is fast-paced. Ideas, information and concepts are constantly changing. The culture and curriculum of Paradise Honors has equipped my children to meet these challenges with confidence. From administration, teachers, and operations, excellence and caring have been modeled every day. I could not be more grateful.







Arizona Credit Enhancement Board Meeting October 9, 2019

Thank You!



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